

Capsule Summary

SM-867

Tobacco Barn on Ryceville Road

Budds Creek

Private

circa 1875-1900

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# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-867

### 1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic

other

Tobacco Barn on Ryceville Road

### 2. Location

street and number near 36404 Ryceville Road

not for publication

city, town Budds Creek

x vicinity

county St. Mary's

### 3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Lamont and Susan Brookbank

street and number 14100 Ryceville Road

telephone N/a

city, town Mechanicsville

state Md

zip code 20659

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse

tax map and parcel TM-7, P-2

city, town Leonardtown

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EWA 953

folio 244

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	3+
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	buildings
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	3+
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Tobacco Barn on Ryceville Road is situated on the north side of the road near the rural crossroads community of Thompsons Corner, Maryland. The barn is oriented on south/north axis and is approached via a road that extends to the north of Ryceville Road. At least two contributing outbuildings in addition to the barn line the drive that leads to a noncontributing modern house. The barn is surrounded by a 19.47 acre tract of which only about 10 acres was visible from the road. The property is bounded to the east, north, and west by agricultural tracts and to the south by Ryceville Road.

The Tobacco Barn on Ryceville Road probably dates from the last quarter of the nineteenth century (1875-1900). The exterior is sheathed with vertical boards and the roof is covered with raised-seam metal. Due to significant overgrowth much of the building is obscured from view. Sheds, however, are clearly visible on the barn's west and south elevations. It also appears that the barn followed a north/south axial plan. Further proof, namely the steep pitch of the roof, suggests the barn may predate the Civil War. In order to determine the exact date, further architectural investigations are necessary.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	Architect/Builder	
<b>Construction dates</b>		
Evaluation for:		
<input type="checkbox"/> National Register	<input type="checkbox"/> Maryland Register	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: Self-published, 1994.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 10 acres  
Acreage of historical setting 19.47 acres  
Quadrangle name Charlotte Hall

Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the east, north, and west by agricultural tracts and to the south by Ryceville Road. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 953, Folio 244.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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Charlotte Hall Quad



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